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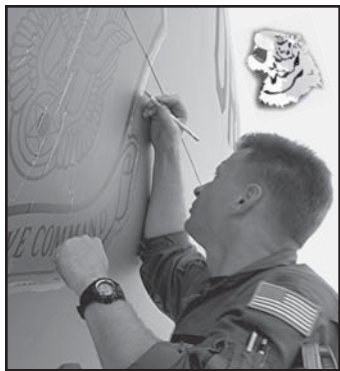


Photo by Tech. Sgt. John Payne

Maj. Scheid Hodges does some touch-ups to the 916th Air Refueling Wing's emblem before the start of the Royal International Air Tattoo held at Royal Air Force, Fairford, England. Nearly 160,000 fans and 300 aircraft attended the two-day event. Major Hodges is a deputy operations officer with the 77th Air Refueling Squadron.

Learning the roles of job control

by: **Staff Sgt. Charles Alford**
716th Communication Flight

Got a computer that will not boot? Need to have another machine put on the Seymour Johnson Domain? We all know that our WGM is our first line defense and support line for computer needs, but what happens when that person can not solve the issue at hand?

The help desk or job control would be the next in line to provide service for computing needs that arise in the wing. After a call or visit to job control a work order or service request is documented and distributed to the correct group or personnel.

Job control is manned by two different Air Force Specialty Codes. Depending on the type of issue or service requested the correct AFSC is notified and a job assignment is created and logged.

The idea for job control at the 916th originated in 2004 and has been a great success ever since. Streamlining issues and concerns that arise allowing for a faster response and quicker completion is the greatest aspect of job control. Both the 716th and 916th communications flight support job control with different individuals rotating in and out so all can gain knowledge and experience working on a help desk.

There are supervisors that tend to oversee job control and those individuals work out of job control month after month, but do rotate as well.

Both communications sections were located in the same building until recently



Photo courtesy of 716th Communications Flight

Tech. Sgt. Maurice Carter, 716th Communications Flight, electrical computer and switching operator, receives mobile communications training while on annual training at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

when an addition of 1800 square foot was added to Building 3200, used by the 4th Fighter Wing, housed their help desk and a conference room among other uses. While being physically separated both sections are still able to have cohesion at job control and other projects that may require a large number of members.

The job control entity is just one of the larger concentrations for the communication specialist. For the 716th Communication Flight, the mission changes like the leaves in fall. The mission was once to back fill the 4th FW, our active duty counterparts, here at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

Today, the squadron has gained brand new equipment that is deployable. The squadron now provides voice and data lines through

mobile transportable units.

While the equipment has few hours of operation, training hours are racking up. With annual tour scheduled for training at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., unit members will get actual field training on deployable voice and data modules.

Everyone deployed to Lakenheath, United Kingdom in 2003 for a broader overview of voice and data module equipment that members did not have at that time.

With a strong real world mission the 716th CF stands poised to provide the needed and requested aspects of transmissions for our fellow troops in remote locations.

Editor's note: 916th Job Control can be contacted at ext. 2-5008 and is located in the 916th Operations Building.

Volunteering to help children could change a life



by **Mrs. Cathy Woodson**
Family Services Coordinator

I hope everyone had a great summer and got to enjoy it as much as I

did. I have two granddaughters who chose to spend their summer vacation with their grandmother.

What joy they bring to me. I lose all focus on everything except being with them. We spent time in every form of water we could find. Starting with the base pool (they love that slide) to Fort Fisher, enjoying the beaches of North Carolina, to camping with a base chapel group in the mountains of Hot Springs, N.C.; where we went white water rafting and horse back riding.

We also enjoyed the lake behind our house, swimming and fishing. Seeing the world through the eyes of a child can be totally awesome!

I'm telling you all this to explain how alarmed and bewildered I felt when my first meeting at the family support center was with Colleen Kosinski, the district administrator for the Guardian Ad Litem Program for Wayne County. I listened to her as she first went into the statistics of child abuse in our country and within our own county. I was shocked!

- Child abuse is the number one killer of pre-school children.

- Eighty-five percent of abused children grow up to be abusive parents.

- One child in three will be sexually abused before age 18.

- Abuse and neglect do not discriminate by social, economic or ethnic background.

Ms. Kosinski then explained, to a group of us that represented different

agencies on base and commander's spouses, what the Guardian Ad Litem Program was all about. This program was founded in 1983 as a way to assure that all children who come into the court system as a result of abuse, neglect, and in some cases, dependency petitions, have an advocate to stand in for them and assure that their rights are protected.

It seems that the parents, by law, have access to an attorney but there is no one to stand in for the child. The GAL program is a 501c non-profit organization and is a state-funded program, therefore; all work is done by volunteers. Last year, the Guardian Ad Litem volunteers advocated for 292 abused or neglected children in Wayne County alone. This includes children from birth to 18 years of age. To handle these cases, they had 148 volunteers.

At this point of the presentation, we were starting to feel her urgency for help.



She also told us that GAL volunteers come from all walks of life. They volunteer because they have a concern for children and want to make a difference in a young person's life. Volunteers are provided 20-30 hours of training that can be done in a group training session or individually through a self-study workbook. Once trained, volunteers are sworn in by a district court judge and court appointed to a case.

The goal of the Guardian Ad Litem program is to assure that abused and

neglected children are placed in a safe, permanent home within a year. (They do request at least a year's commitment in volunteering) Volunteers visit the children at home or in school. They conduct an independent investigation on behalf of the juvenile by interviewing many people and collecting records from many sources.

The GAL reports their findings in court and then monitors the case to ensure the orders of the court are carried out and that the families and children in need receive the appropriate services. All GAL volunteers are paired with a trained attorney advocate who works with them to promote the best interests of a child in court.

They only ask you to take on one to two cases at a time. She stated that this is a five hour a month commitment. She also told us that if anyone is interested in observing one of these court cases, juvenile court is open to

the public and these court cases are held every other week. The juvenile court is held at the Wayne County Courthouse at 224 E. Walnut Street in Goldsboro.

I realize that I usually address issues regarding military spouses but this issue really pulls on my heart strings as I know it will yours also. I am a big advocate of awareness and if we are not aware of solutions to problems then we generally do nothing. If you would like to feel that you have made a difference and you would like to help the courts make good decisions

regarding a child, please contact:

Colleen F. Kosinski
District Administrator, Judicial District 8

Phone: (919) 731-5659 or e mail: colleen.f.kosinski@nccourts.org

Or go online to find out more at: www.nccourts.org/Citizen/GAL

If you do not live in North Carolina, please contact your local county courthouse for information as this is a nationwide organization. It may also be known as CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates.

News Briefs

Civilian employment information required

Oct. 31 is the deadline for Air Force reservists to register information about their civilian place of employment. Command officials urge them to comply with the Department of Defense directive as soon as possible by going online to <http://www.afrc.af.mil/reserveInfo.htm> and clicking on Civilian Employment Info Program.

Confidential reporting

Military people who are victims of sexual assault now have the option of making a confidential report and receiving medical assistance without initiating a military investigation.

A new Department of Defense policy establishes sexual assault response coordinators at all military installations, including Air Force Reserve Command bases.

SARCs help people who want to report sexual assault, without involving law enforcement, and who may need assistance in accessing military and community support. The command is in the process of hiring permanent coordinators.

Air Force Reserve seeks applicants

The Air Force Reserve is looking for officers and enlisted people to fill full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions.

Reservists in the AGR program serve under the authority of Title 10 of the U.S. Code and receive most of the benefits afford to the active force. They qualify for an active-duty retirement, provided they attain career status and can serve 20 years active federal military service.

Information about vacancies and applications proce-

dures is available on the AGR Management Office's restricted web site at www.re.hq.af.mil/agr/agrhome2.html.

Tuition program given \$800,000

During the August unit training assembly it was announced that the tuition assistance program had been suspended due to lack of funds. If you applied for TA through the 916th Military Personnel Flight Training Office, your form would be held until funds became available and then forwarded to Air Force Reserve Command.

As of Aug. 16, an additional \$800,000 was provided to the program to support applications through the end of the fiscal year, ending Sept. 30, 2005. Applications received during the August UTA will be forwarded to AFRC.

However, DFAS is still experiencing problems with their new system and to date, they have only processed payment requests through early June. Members using the program are encouraged to remain patient and keep checking their bank accounts for deposits.

Questions about the program should be directed to Master Sgt. Schonnice Moore at 722-2232.

Dining facility and rescheduled UTAs

Any time a member is here at Seymour Johnson performing a rescheduled unit training assembly, during the month other than the scheduled UTA, they are required to have a copy of their 40A to provide or show the cashier if eating at the dining facility. If the member cannot produce a copy of their 40A to establish proof of their military status they may have to pay for the meal.

Tool protects credit

Military personnel now can minimize the risk of identity theft while they are deployed. A military member can ask to have an "active duty" alert placed on a credit report, which requires creditors to take extra steps to verify a person's identity before granting credit in the member's name.

When military personnel ask for the "active duty" alert, they also will receive a copy of their credit scores.

For more information see www.ftc.gov/opa/2005/07/activeduty.html.

Art auction raises money for scholarships

Ever dream of owning your own Dali or Delacroix? On Friday, Sept. 16, the Seymour Johnson Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club will host a fine art auction to raise money to support college scholarships and local and base charities.

The event will be held at the Walnut Creek Country Club in Goldsboro with a preview party beginning at 6 p.m. and the auction starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free, although a \$5 donation is encouraged. This event is open to the public.

Each April, the organization presents scholarships to qualified dependents of active duty, Reserve and retired Air Force members, in addition to qualifying Seymour Johnson civilians.

The mission of the SJOCS is to promote volunteerism, camaraderie and the spirit of charitable service through the talents of a diverse membership while improving the Seymour Johnson, military and local communities.

For more information on this event or the SJOCS,

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contact Mrs. Cathy Woodson at 919-751-2834. For more information about scholarship opportunities

Newcomers

Maj. Kerri O. Grimes
916th CES

Capt. Robert K. Talton
77th ARS

Master Sgt. Michael L. Brown Jr.
916th LRS

Sergeant Adrienne M. Ellington
916th ARW

Staff Sgt. Daniel C. Elliott
916th MOF

Staff Sgt. Johnny M. Shaver
916th CES

Staff Sgt. James E. Teater Jr.
916th MXS

Senior Airman Chris M. Ferguson
916th AMXS

Senior Airman Oladipupo B. Sijuade
916th CES

Airman 1st Class Tyrone Faison Jr.
916th AMXS

Airman 1st Class Rebecca A. Farrar
916th MXS

Airman 1st Class James McFadden Jr.
916th MSF

Airman Brittany M. A. Buell
916th CES

Award

PME Superior Performer

Senior Airman Ginger Reynolds
916th ARW

provided by the group, contact Staff Sgt. Kim Lord at 722-2185.

Movie making at the 916th on Sept. UTA

Ok, so it's not a Hollywood production, but one of the best video teams in the Air Force is coming to the 916th Air Refueling Wing in September. Wing leadership decided it was time to update the unit's mission video/DVD, so Sept. 7-14 a team from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, will be on site to film 916th members at work.

The video will focus on every section in the wing and highlight a few select mem-

bers at their civilian jobs. In addition, aerial refueling with the F-15s will also be captured for the video.

The final project will be available for civic leader and employer tours, the speaker's bureau program and be used in information packets about the unit being sent to community and military leadership.

So come prepared on September UTA with a sharp uniform and a bright smile -- you could be a star!

Historian vacancy

Does history interest you? Do you enjoy telling the 916th's story? Well

then, being wing historian may be the job for you. Currently, there is a traditional Reservist position vacancy open in the 916th Historian Office. This position is part of the wing staff and reports directly to the wing commander. Interested parties should enjoy working with others to gather information, conducting research and writing reports.

This position holds the rank of technical sergeant and a short technical school is required. For more information or if interested, contact Capt. Wendy Gresis, wing executive officer, at ext. 2-2250.

Promotions

Lieutenant Colonel Select

Steven Benton
916th ARW

Edward Hogan
916th CES

Gary Wilson
916th ARW

William Moore
916th OSF

Todd Chaney
916th OG

Paul Evans
77th ARS

Scheid Hodges
77th ARS

James Johnson
77th ARS

Eric Jorgensen
916th OSF

Allen Miller
77th ARS

Charles Epperson
916th ARW

Eduardo San Miguel
916th AMDF

Terry Martin
916th ARW

Matthew Young
77th ARS

Captain Select

James Carruthers
916th OSF

Jason Westmeyer
916th SFS

Melanie Willis
916th SVF

Jonathan Edmonds
77th ARS

Off on another tour, making the wing proud

Working the night shift as the NCOIC of the busiest Air Material Command hub in OIF, Tech. Sgt. Terry Hayes is proud to say that he is a member of the 916th Air Refueling Wing Command Post. "I wouldn't trade this opportunity for anything in the world. I'm looking forward to getting back to the wing and getting back into the UDM program," said Sergeant Hayes in a recent e-mail message to Tech. Sgt. Sandra Mueller, 916th ARW command section NCOIC.

Photo courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Terry Hayes



FY '05 & '06 Training Schedule

Mo	Sat	Sun
SEPT	10	11
OCT	1	2
OCT	29	30
DEC	3	4
JAN	7	8
FEB	11	12
MARCH	11	12
APRIL	8	9
MAY	6	7
JUNE	10	11
JULY	8	9
AUG	5	6
SEPT	9	10

Totin' Tigers win big at international air show

by Tech. Sgt. John Payne
916th AMXS UPAR

In mid-July while top-ranked golfer Tiger Woods was winning the British Open, the 916th Air Refueling Wing's 'Totin' Tigers' were also taking home top honors from the United Kingdom.

The Reserve unit won "Best Livery" at the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) held at Royal Air Force Fairford in Gloucestershire, England, July 16-17.

The RIAT, recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's largest military air show, thrilled nearly 160,000 fans with 300 aircraft, 16 hours of flying displays and the chance for the public to mingle with aircrews and maintainers from around the world.

After landing at RAF Fairford, the Reserve tanker from Seymour Johnson was converted from a plain gray KC-135 into a huge winged tiger as part of RIAT's theme, "Tigers Roar in 2005." The aircraft had large tiger heads placed on each side of the fuselage, claws on the engines and tiger stripes spelling out "916th ARW" down its sides. The tail was marked with the familiar "Totin' Tiger" carrying a load of cargo on its back.

The transformation was not easy. After landing at Fairford, the 10-member crew spent more than 10 hours elbow-to-elbow installing the tiger markings.

"Ops and maintenance worked together to get the job done," said Master Sgt. Barry Bradley, boom operator, 77th Air Refueling Squadron. "Once the crew saw what the finished product would look like, getting the job done was the number one priority."

Mr. Timothy Prince, the Air Tattoo co-founder and chief executive officer, commended the Reserve team's efforts. Witnessing the work in progress as late evening shadows fell across the flightline, Mr. Prince said the 916th crew "demonstrated the spirit of the competition."

The judges agreed and awarded one of only six trophies, and the only non-flying award, to the 916th ARW as "Best Livery" ("Livery" is a British term for an identifying design that designates ownership, in American English it would be Best Presentation).

After the awards were handed out, Mr. Prince said, "You put a lot of work into your jet and it showed. We were glad to have you here and would like to have you back."

The invitation to attend the 2005 Air Tattoo came in early January.

"We were happy to accept the invitation," said Maj. Eric Jorgensen, 77th ARS mission planner. "But in order to maximize efficiency we combined the show with a cargo mission to Mildenhall and back."

Coordination for the trip started early between the 916th Operations Group and the Aircraft Maintenance Group, according to Jorgensen.

Maintenance personnel, Senior Master Sgt. Dave Theriot and Master Sgt. Adrian Darby, presented the idea to enhance the appearance of the jet with the tiger markings to Tech. Sgt. Michael Berens. It was actually Sergeant Berens' 19-year-old son, Josh, who came up with the design.

"He drew everything by hand and scanned it into the computer then converted it to interface with our graphics program," said Sergeant Berens.

NATO tiger squadrons meet regularly to promote team spirit and camaraderie among member nations. Adding some type of tiger markings (a symbol of strength, speed and hunting prowess) to their aircraft is typical when they meet. The 77th Air Refueling Squadron was designated a "tiger" squadron during WWII and has in recent years been nicknamed

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After landing at Fairford, England the 10-member crew spent more than 10 hours elbow-to-elbow installing the tiger markings on the KC-135R.

Tigers

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the "Totin' Tigers" as a reminder of its historical past.

The RIAT 2005 gathering impressed Maj. Matt Young, 77th ARS pilot. "The camaraderie of this group is exceptional," he said. "I spoke with

fliers and maintainers from all over the world—England, Romania, Germany, Italy and others."

Major Young also spoke with Gen. John P. Jumper, U.S. Air Force chief of staff, as he viewed the aircraft from Seymour Johnson.

"General Jumper expressed his gratitude that we made the trip and that we were the sole representative for the Air Force Reserve Command," Major Young said.

Enthusiastic British crowds showed their appreciation for the 916th tiger-ship by taking hundreds of photos and asking for autographs of crewmembers.

Even with General Jumper's comments and the huge fanfare, the highlight came from some young British fans in attendance. Four-year-old Brandon and 5-year-old Jeremy of South Wales made the show for the Tarheel crew. The pair showed up in front of the tanker with their faces painted like tigers, pointed to the KC-135 and announced, "the big tiger is our favorite!"



Josh Berens speaks with Maj. Scheid Hodges, while Col. Paul Sykes talks with a crew member. Mr. Berens is the son of Tech. Sgt. Michael Berens, 916th Maintenance Group, and designed all the graphics placed on the aircraft for the show.



Members of the 916th Maintenance Group work on the graphics for the international air show.



After 10 hours of installing the tiger markings, the 916th Air Refueling Wing received the Best Livery Award, which in American English means Best Presentation.

Love and marriage go together like KC-135s and F-15s

by Capt. Tana R.H. Stevenson
4th FW Public Affairs

As Capt. Chris Bridges crossed paths with his wife, Capt. Heather Bridges, during “a day at the office,” he waved to her as he soared past her KC-135R Stratotanker in his F-15E Strike Eagle.

This is the first time in a year of flying at Seymour Johnson and over two years of marriage that scheduling allowed the couple to fly together.

“This happened once before we were married,” said Capt. Bridges, weapons and tactics flight commander for the 334th Fighter Squadron.

While Chris was stationed at Royal Air Force Lakenheath flying F-15s, mutual friends introduced him to a KC-135 pilot and his future wife, Captain Heather Bridges. Heather is now at the 916th Air Refueling Wing, the U.S. Air Force Reserve tenant here.

“There are a few couples out there like us, since some of the bases that have KC-135s also have F-15s,” said Chris. Heather was active duty when they married two years ago.

“One of the first things people ask us when they find out our jobs is if I’ve ever refueled his aircraft,” the female captain said.

During that first flight together, her aircrew members joked that she should ask him “What’s for dinner?” across the radio.

“We didn’t really talk on the radio, because we were busy flying,” she said. “This will be neat for our parents to know that we got to do this. They were hoping that we’d get the chance to work together.”

In the past they’ve deployed at the same time to separate locations in support of Operation Enduring

Freedom. The couple hoped they could have a rendezvous then, but their flight paths never crossed.

They suspect they will meet again on missions, but it’s not a common occurrence.

Their union helps bring a new perspective to their units. They’ve been both educators and advocates for each other’s career fields.

“When we’re flying locally, the KC-135s sometimes get put off to the side by air traffic control for the F-15s,” Heather said. “I understand what’s going on from Chris, so I usually stick up for them.”

There is a friendly spirit of competition among most flyers that comes from unit pride, said Chris.

Some of the fighter pilots don’t understand the dynamics of refueling,” Chris said. “When the refuelers take off and expect to service many jets, they carry a lot of gas. If the fighters have to cancel, it alters the Stratotanker’s mission plans. I go out of my way to keep up my end of the deal when I’m flying and to educate the other fighter pilots, said Chris.

“It’s not all about you,” said Chris. With the two of them flying together, that statement couldn’t be more true.



Photo by Capt. Tana Stevenson

When needing to be refueled in the sky, Capt. Chris Bridges knows just who to call, his wife, Capt. Heather Bridges. Capt. Chris Bridges is a pilot with the 334th Fighter Squadron, while Capt. Heather Bridges is a pilot with the 916th Air Refueling Wing.

916th reservists make the band

by Capt. Shannon Mann
Chief, Public Affairs

While MTV and music-mogul P. Diddy are not involved in this venture, the 916th Air Refueling Wing can tout its own version of ‘Making the band.’

This Reserve unit located in Goldsboro, N.C. has a lot of best kept secrets, but one was recently unveiled at the unit’s annual Family Day Picnic, when four members of the unit took the stage to display their talents through instrument and song.

The band, called Anthem, is comprised of Master Sgt. Rodney ‘Rowdy’ Smith, 77th Air Refueling Squadron, Master Sgt. John Cosgrove, 916th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tech. Sgt. James Loper, 916th Air Refueling Wing, Command Post, Staff Sgt. Kyle Canterbury, 916th AMXS, and Darren Shinn, family member of an active duty member stationed at the 4th Fighter Wing.

The band, which fully formed in January 2005, is quickly becoming a local favorite at Goldsboro night clubs and venues and is continuously expanding their location list.

“We are going to start playing at the NCO club, but don’t really have plans to go too far outside of Goldsboro,” said Guitarist James Loper. “There really are a lot of places to go in Goldsboro.” And not much live entertainment, he added.

The group decided on the name Anthem because of the rock anthems

they play. Drummer Kyle Canterbury joked that the band didn’t like the name ‘The Kyle Canterbury Experience,’ but everyone agreed when Keyboardist John Cosgrove suggested a name more representational of the band’s music.

While no one takes credit for putting the band together, Frontman and Vocalist Rowdy Smith said it just kind of happened. Sergeant Canterbury said he heard about the idea while on a deployment to Chili in November 2004. “I just wanted to come and jam when we got home,” he said.

All members indicated they were a little nervous to begin this venture, citing everything from a touch of stage fright to fitting in a band schedule with an already high ops tempo at their day jobs, however their musical abilities had been developed over years of practice and they were eager to put their skills to the test.

Sergeant Canterbury indicated he played piano with his grandmother before he started playing drums around age 11. Sergeant Smith started a love affair with guitars when he received his first acoustic guitar at age 14, after high school he discovered electric guitars and realized his true passion. All members practice the singing aspect, whether soloing on various songs or helping out with back-up vocals.

The band’s repertoire is growing along with their demand to play more and more. From Joe Walsh’s Rocky Mountain Way to Ozzie Osbourne’s Crazy Train, this group enjoys a hit list from the 70s, 80s and 90s. “That’s the great thing about being a cover band,” said Sergeant Loper. “You get to pick all your favorite songs to play.”

Although playing tried and true favorites is something they all enjoy, members did indicate their ambition to create some of their own material



Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott Mathews

The best kept secret was out of the bag during the Family Day Picnic held on the June unit training assembly. Left to right, Master Sgt. Rodney “Rowdy” Smith, Darren Shinn and Tech. Sgt. James Loper are just three members of the Anthem band that provided the music.

in the future; however the goal right now is to just keep having fun.

While the band has not attracted enough fans to have groupies yet, they did say that they have several supporters and well-wishers to include their spouses and co-workers at the 916th ARW. In fact, Master Sgt. Dave Chandonnet, boom operator, volunteered to develop a Web site and t-shirts for the band.

With a new Web site, a classic rock play list, a growing name in Goldsboro and lots of support from their 916th family, this group of reservists followed their dream and ‘made the band’ for all to enjoy.

Rock on!



Master Sgt. John Cosgrove enjoys playing the keyboard, but has admitted that he was a little nervous starting this adventure.



Staff Sgt. Kyle Canterbury may have played the piano with his grandmother at age 11, but his first love is the drums.

Words from admirers

Need medical help on a UTA?

Col. Paul Sykes

Maj. Pete Benton’s package was judged by a board of 4th Air Force staff members to be among the best; however, another individual was chosen to represent 4th Air Force in the Performance Manager of the Year for 2004.

Please pass on my personal congratulations and my wish for continued success in his career.

*Robert E. Duignan, Maj. Gen.
4th Air Force Commander*

Col. Paul Sykes

Thank you and the great folks in the 916th Air Refueling Wing. Not only for the beautiful Wright Flyer, but for the great working relationship between the wings. Please keep in touch and come see us up in Alaska.

*Col. and Mrs. Donald Jurewicz
4th Fighter Wing Vice Commander*

Chief Tom Smith

Thank you for all you do for the Southern Pines Inn Staff. We have met a lot of great people with the 916th

Air Refueling Wing and have made some rally good friends. Quite often you hear about all the bad things that are going on and it sometimes seems like it is a constant uphill battle, but together we well overcome these obstacles. It sure is nice knowing that we have someone like you to depend on.

*Jill Sherrod
Reservationists
Southern Pines Inn.*

MSgt. Greg Nelson

I want to thank everyone for all of your support and flexibility during the preparation/execution of the WORI 05-04A. Without you, the team at VOLK would not have done so well!

Please pass on to your members that deployed that we at Travis would go to war with them any day. Every member was a true professional and gave it their all.

*1st Lt. Casey Dietrickx
Master Sgt. Kino Eidson
Tech. Sgt. Kevin Ritchie
Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Moody
60th Air Mobility Wing
Travis AFB, Calif.*

Monthly schedule - September and October

September

AEF (3 planes, 5 aircrew & MXS package)

Prepare for Volk Field ORE

Tuition Assistance Audit

716CF AF Form 623 Reviews due

716CF Training SAV by DPMT

Performance Based Reviews due to QI – MSF/AMDS/SFS/MXG

CA/CRL due from 373PN (AMXS), 374PN (MXS), 807CW & 807LS (77ARS – Life Support)

Sep 9

8:00 a.m. – CDC Testing

3:00 p.m. – Pre-UTA Staff Meeting

Sep 10

Aircrew SIOP Training & Cert

8:00 a.m. – M9 CATS – CES (10), 77ARS (5)

8:00 a.m. – M16 Live Fire – LRS (10), MSF (4)

8:00 a.m. – NBCWDT Refresher (30)

9:00 a.m. – AFRAT Testing

1:00 p.m. – NBCWDT Refresher (30)

1:00 p.m. – CDC Testing

1:00 p.m. – Automated Testing

2:00 p.m. – CCF Council

5:00 p.m. – Enlisted Council

5:00 p.m. – Top 3 Council

Sep 11

Aircrew SIOP Training & Cert

7:30 a.m. – UTM Training

8:00 a.m. – M16 CATS – MOF (10), 716CF (4)

8:00 a.m. – M16 Live Fire – CES (14)

2:00 p.m. – Chiefs Group

Sep 21

1:00 p.m. – CDC Testing

Sep 22

1:00 p.m. – Automated Testing

Sep 30

DANTES Quarterly Test Inventory

October

VRED/Shot Records Review (ALL)

Civilian Feedbacks Due

MXS AF Form 623 Reviews Due

Performance Based Reviews due to QI – MSF/AMDS/SFS/MXG

October Major Exercise

Oct 1

CDC Test Inventory

Oct 13

AFJROTC Incentive Flight (1)

Oct 14

0800 – CDC Testing

1500 – Pre-UTA Staff Meeting

Oct 15

AFOQT Testing

4QFY05 Unit Histories due to HO

0800 – UTM Meeting

1300 – CDC Testing

1300 – Automated Testing

1400 – CCF Council

1700 – Enlisted Council

1700 – Top 3 Council

Oct 15

1400 – Chiefs Group

Oct 19

Make-up Civic Leader Flight (2)

Clergy flight, Dec. 3, 2005

The Clergy Orientation Flight program is designed to introduce member’s clergy to the mission of the 916th Air Refueling Wing.

Theory follows that knowledge in local “centers of influence” will foster general good relations and beneficial interaction between the community and the wing, as well as educate the American public about the Air Force Reserve’s role in the Department of Defense.

The 916th ARW would like to give your clergy the opportunity to learn about the 916th ARW and also take a ride on a KC-135R.

Please return this nomination form no later than **Oct. 2, 2005** to the 916th ARW/PA, 1195 Blakeslee Avenue, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., 27531-2203 or fax the form to 919-722-2226.

Clergy Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Title _____

Church Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Reservist Name _____

Squadron _____

Duty Phone _____ Home Phone _____

One force, one fight, ready then, ready now



Members of the 916th Air Refueling Wing were teamed up with 13 other reservists from around the United States while at the First Sergeants Academy, Gunter Annex, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. On the horizon is a completely integrated class. Active duty, Reserve and Guard will all attend together in the same flight. This will mirror the “Total Force.”

From left to right, Chief Master Sgt. Tony Bishop, 1st Sergeant Academy Commandant, Senior Master Sgt. Lester Boltinhouse, 916th Civil Engineer Squadron First Sergeant, Senior Master Sgt. Mike Hartsfield, 916th Aerospace Medicine Flight, First Sergeant, Master Sgt. Hazel Proctor, 916th Mission Support Flight, First Sergeant, Master Sgt. Randal Palumbo, 77th Air Refueling Squadron, First Sergeant and Chief Master Gerald Murray, Chief Master Sgt. of the U.S. Air Force.

Editor's note: This is a follow-up from the story written in the August issue of the Wright Flyer, “Putting people first is job one for first shirts.”

IGX over, ORE and ORI on horizon for 2006



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Mathews

While in MOPP condition, Tech. Sgt. Dorothy Fennell decides it is time for something to eat, like ready to eat meals that were supplied during the Inspector General Exercise. This exercise was at Volk Field, Wisc., and finished the IGX cycle for the 916th. Nearly 30 members of the wing participated with members from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., in late July

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